



# WASHINGTON DC: State of the City Profile

## CENSUS / DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Washington/Baltimore Consolidated Metro Area (surrounding cities).....	7,608,070
Washington DC Primary Metro Area (surrounding counties).....	4,923,153
City of Washington DC.....	572,059

**Racial composition of Washington DC:** white (31%), black (60%), Asian (3%), Other (4%), two or more (2%)  
**ETHNICITY:** Hispanic (of any race) 8%

## DRUG SITUATION & PREVALENCE

- **YOUTH PREVALENCE:** According to the NHSDA, 9.39% of the population aged 12-17 reported use of an illicit drug in the past month, lower than the national average of 10.8% in 1999-2000.
- **ARRESTEES:** ADAM data indicate that 69% of male arrestees tested positive for at least one illicit substance in 1999, the latest available data.
- **DEATHS:** Drug-induced deaths in the PMSA rose 10% from 154 in 1995 to 169 in 1998 (3.9 to 4.1 deaths per 100,000 population).
- **ER MENTIONS (1994-2001):** Heroin mentions increaseg by 50%; cocaine mentions decreased by 40%; Marijuana mentions was statistically unchanged.
- **DRUG TYPE:** Crack has been replaced by heroin as the drug with the most serious consequences in DC. Marijuana is widespread in use and availability.

## FEDERAL DOLLARS ('01 / '02)

- SAPT Block Grant: \$5.6M / \$6.2M
- CSAP Discretion: \$4.7M / \$2.6M
- CSAT Discretion: \$5.3M / \$4.1M

## TREATMENT UTILIZATION & CAPACITY

- 50 treatment providers in the District of Columbia
  - 40 outpatient departments as a treatment modality
- Publicly-funded treatment in City of Washington between '00 and '01
  - admissions dropped from 6025m to 5736
  - marijuana admissions declined from 484 to 367
  - 14 ('00) to 32 ('01) individuals for methamphetamine abuse
- Two drug Courts and one planning initiative

## MEDIA CAMPAIGN

- Advertising: \$3.2M total plus pro bono value match
  - \$2.1M share of national buy
  - \$183K multicultural advertising
  - \$986K local general market
- Non-Advertising:
  - Safeway Partnership Launch (5/31/02)
  - MJ Press Conf (9/17/02)

## PREVENTION Community Coalitions

- DC Community Prevention Partnership, Inc.
- DC Coalition Against Drugs & Violence
- Fauquier CADRE, Inc.
- Chaplin Youth Center
- Fairfax County Public Schools
- Positive Choices Coalition
- Community Services Coalition
- Montgomery County Community Partnership
- Community Partnership of Morgan and Berkley Counties
- Jefferson County Coalition on Substance Abuse (dba) FOCUS Coalition

## LAW ENFORCEMENT

- Colombia-based drug trafficking organizations are the primary sources supplying D.C. criminal groups (usually Colombian and Dominican) with wholesale quantities of cocaine and heroin.
- Many D.C. crack cocaine dealers are contemplating switching to heroin sales because they do not have to sell as much to make the same amount of money.
- The District has approximately sixty open-air drug markets that are controlled by neighborhood crews.
- HIDTA: Baltimore-Washington